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SUBJECT: SADAT REMARKS TO TIME "NEWSTOUR" GROUP

SUMMARY: SADAT TELLS TIME "NEWSTOUR" GROUP PEACE PROCESS  
NOT DEAD BUT NEEDS ADDED MOMENTUM. BEGIN RESPONSE TO HIS  
INITIATIVE HAS BEEN "INSULTING". PRESIDENT HOPES FOR  
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON PEACE FRONT BEFORE OCTOBER 1978  
UNEF RENEWAL DEADLINE. END SUMMARY.

1. CAIRO-BASED AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WILLIAM HARRISON,  
WHO HELPED MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TIME MAGAZINE "NEWSTOUR"  
VISIT TO EGYPT, HAS GIVEN US READING ON HIGHLIGHTS OF  
GROUP'S MARCH 31 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, WHICH HE  
ATTENDED. FROM FIRST, HARRISON SAID, GROUP HAD LOOKED  
FORWARD TO MEETING EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT AND SADAT MADE  
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EXTREMELY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION. NEWSTOUR PARTICIPANTS  
WERE ESPECIALLY PLEASED WHEN, AFTER INITIAL REMARKS,  
MEMBERS OF PRESS PRESENT WERE ASKED TO LEAVE SO THAT  
PRESIDENT COULD HAVE FRANK QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION  
WITH TIME GROUP.

2. HARRISON SAID HE FELT THAT OVERALL SADAT VIEW OF

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, AS CONVEYED TO TIME GROUP, WAS RELATIVELY UPBEAT. FOR EXAMPLE, PRESIDENT VIGOROUSLY DENIED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT PEACE INITIATIVE BEGUN IN NOVEMBER WAS "DEAD". HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT PEACE PROCESS CLEARLY NEEDS MORE "MOMENTUM" IF IT IS TO SUCCEED.

3. BEGIN REACTION. ACCORDING HARRISON, SADAT REPEATEDLY CHARACTERIZED BEGIN RESPONSE TO HIS INITIATIVE AS "AN INSULT." HE SAID THAT IF GOE WERE NOT PREPARED OFFER ACCEPTABLE TERMS, BEGIN SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM (SADAT) SO FRANKLY. IDEA OF RETAINING SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI PROTECTED BY ISRAELI TROOPS WAS PARTICULARLY "INSULTING". SADAT SAID HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN DURING TALKS THIS WEEK THAT ISRAELI POSITIONS ON KEY MIDDLE EAST ISSUES WERE SIMPLY "UNACCEPTABLE".

4. ISRAELI LEADERSHIP. ASKED IF HE THOUGHT BEGIN GOVERNMENT, IN VIEW OF ITS UNCOMPROMISING POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS, SHOULD BE REPLACED, SADAT EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS ENTIRELY AN INTERNAL ISRAELI MATTER ON WHICH HE COULD NOT APPROPRIATELY COMMENT. HIS OWN VISIT TO JERUSALEM IN NOVEMBER WAS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY. CHOICE OF NATIONAL LEADER WAS CLEARLY UP TO ISRAELIS. HARRISON SAID THAT IN COURSE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, SADAT WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO PRAISE WEIZMAN FOR HIS "FLEXIBILITY" AND AT ONE POINT CHARACTERIZED OPPOSITION LEADER PERES IN SIMILARLY POSITIVE TERMS.

5. ISRAELI POSITION ON WEST BANK. ONE NEWSTOUR PARTICIPANT, HARRISON RECALLED, READ AN EXTRACT FROM WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS AN OFFICIAL ISRAELI STATEMENT OF POLICY, WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WERE "OTHER CLAIMS" TO POLITICAL CONTROL OF WEST BANK. PARTICIPANT ASKED IF SUCH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DID NOT REPRESENT A CONCESSION ON PART OF ISRAELIS. SADAT REPLIED FLATLY "NO". HE DID NOT SEE THAT IN FACE OF ISRAELI ACTIONS, SUCH STATEMENT REPRESENTED ANY CONCESSION AT ALL.

6. TIMETABLE. ASKED WHAT SORT OF TIMETABLE HE FORESAW FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN PEACE PROCESS, SADAT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WELL BEFORE OCTOBER 1979, WHEN UN AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE RENEWED. EMBASSY COMMENT: SADAT ALMOST CERTAINLY MEANT OCTOBER 1978 (NOT 1979) WHEN UNEF MANDATE COMES UP FOR RENEWAL. HARRISON SAID HE THOUGHT MOST

PARTICIPANTS TOOK PRESIDENT AT HIS WORD, HOWEVER, AND  
FELT HE WAS LOOKING 18 MONTHS AHEAD.

7. OTHER REMARKS. RECALLING HIS LAST VISIT TO U.S.,  
SADAT REPEATED TO TIME GROUP HIS COMMENT THAT AFTER HAVING  
LEFT EGYPT WITH FEELING OF DISCOURAGEMENT, HE HAD BEEN  
GREATLY BUOYED BY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. ON  
PALESTINIANS, SADAT SAID HE HAD "DONE ALL THAT HE COULD"  
FOR THEM. SO-CALLED "STEADFASTNESS FRONT," HE NOTED,  
WAS RENT BY CONTINUAL BICKERING AND INTERNAL CONFLICT.  
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